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MOBILE RADIO CLUB



THE
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APRIL 1983

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THE YEAR OF
COMMUNICATIONS

THE CHINESE ZODIAC
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WITH 12 ANIMALS THAT
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BY YOUR BIRTH YEAR.....

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meets on the first Monday of each month
(2nd Monday in Sept. only) at 8:00 p.m. in the
Franklin Institute, 21st & Ben Franklin Pkwy.

ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Club Nets are conducted weekly.

Every Tuesday - 8:00 p.m., 147.63/03, code
practise is conducted, all
are welcome.

Sam's CORNER

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THANK YOU

To WB3KQJ for his efforts in updating our club directory and adding new features to the Blurb.

To all of you who responded to Don's questionnaire.

To W3IIM for his efforts in finding out what the club members want in the way of social events and club activities for the coming year.

To all of you who responded to Jack's questionnaire.

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This is your club, and your continued input is helping us all to plan interesting and enjoyable events.

Hope to see many of you April 20 at the Picket Post for STAG NITE.

73,
Ed KB3IV

MARCH 1983 GENERAL MEETING

Phil-Monts' 400th General Meeting (so who's really counting) was opened by KB3IV at 8:07 on March 7th. W3IIN (No reason to doubt her. YET!) gave the Treasurer's Report (yours truly was busy running his mouth) - The minutes of the February Directors' Meeting were approved as read. - Ed introduced Ray Gillespie, KB3JW, President of Warminster ARC - W3VVS reported that the meeting was attended by 37 members and 9 visitors. Paul introduced: Doris Hamilton-KA3KSA (way to go Mrs. Hamilton. Now fill out an application and get the O.M. to send in your dues), Mike Fox-WB3HTE, Walt Kenworthy-WA3IDQ, Bob Glass, Ed Lukas-K3DYU, Ernie Congleton-N3BBS & Al Schnipper-WA3AYJ. Paul reported that Eric Clegg, KA3EEL, has upgraded to extra. (Well done Eric) - Ed presented AK2I with a Certificate of Appreciation for his fine job as Roast Master at the January Meeting. Jake accepted the award and launched into a tirade concerning the possibility of a Codeless License Class. Ed polled the membership and a clear majority of Phil-Mont members are against such a change. Jake asked the members to respond to the FCC Docket. - W3IIM unveiled the plans for "STAG NIGHT". The meeting will be held on April 20th at The Picket Post in Gulph Mills. The cost will be \$11.75 per person. - W3IIN will be handling reservations. The final deadline is April 11! . - W3IIN made a motion that Stag Night be changed to "Sweet Things And Gents" Night. W3BBB seconded the motion. (Is one of our Founding Fathers ready to give up the ship for a skirt?) AK2I threatened a filibuster. Ed, after a fast count of paid members, (and realizing that we all had to go to work on Tuesday) decided that a quorum was not present. He therefore tabled the motion (which brought a great big smile from the Polish Prince) for a later (Much later, I hope) meeting. - The evenings program, Microphone Equalization, professionally presented by Bob, WB3HYB, assisted by WB3CMM, was most informative. KB3IV conducted the prize drawing and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M. Fine refreshments, procured by KA3AMO, were served.

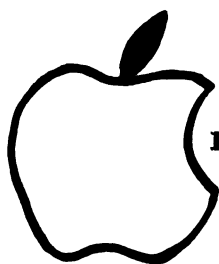
MARCH 1983 DIRECTORS' MEETING

The March Directors' meeting, held on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, at the home of Phil-Monts' large leprechaun, W3GIF, was called to order, by our round lepreCOHEN, KB3IV, at 8:05. In attendance were: W3's - SRU, BBB, ZPP, (Charlie stayed awake for the entire meeting) D\$G, KUD, IRS, GNM, GQD, N3ADI, WB3CMM and WB3KAC. - The minutes of the March General Meeting were read and approved. Neither the Treasurer's Report, nor the Treasurer were available. (Florida, right after collecting dues?) - K3KUD said that since the Awards Committee had such a small response from the General Membership regarding last years selection of The Phil-Monter of the Year, the committee has adopted the following policy: *"This award shall be made annually on the basis of a secret ballot by the General Membership. In the event that fewer than 33% of the total membership cast votes, the awards committee shall caucus to select a suitable recipient. Should no member be considered to merit the award, it need not be given for that year"*. - Bob then suggested that, a roll call be held approximately once a month on the 2 meter net. The purpose is to demonstrate and test Phil-Mont's emergency response and preparedness. W3ZPP will arrange for the roll call

schedule to be published in the Blurb. - N3ADI gave the following DX Report: "DX *****" (Sorry, this is a family newsletter) - WB3CMM, in very general terms, discussed program plans for the balance of the year. (Bill is not telling anyone what they are yet) W3SRU is handling the coordination for our participation in the Penn Relays. (Flow charts are available upon request) Gil appointed N3ADI to direct Phil-Mont's Field Day Program. Mike refused, Gil then appointed N3ADI, who again refused, Gil again appointed N3ADI who at this point realized that Gil wasn't going to give up and accepted. (Gil made him an offer that he couldn't refuse) - Dates for the Director's meetings for the balance of the year were agreed upon and will be published in next months Blurb. - Ed adjourned the meeting at 9:10. (It's not the same when AWH takes a vacation) Many thanks to Al and Doris for the delicious refreshments and their extremely cordial hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Gordon-WB3KOJ



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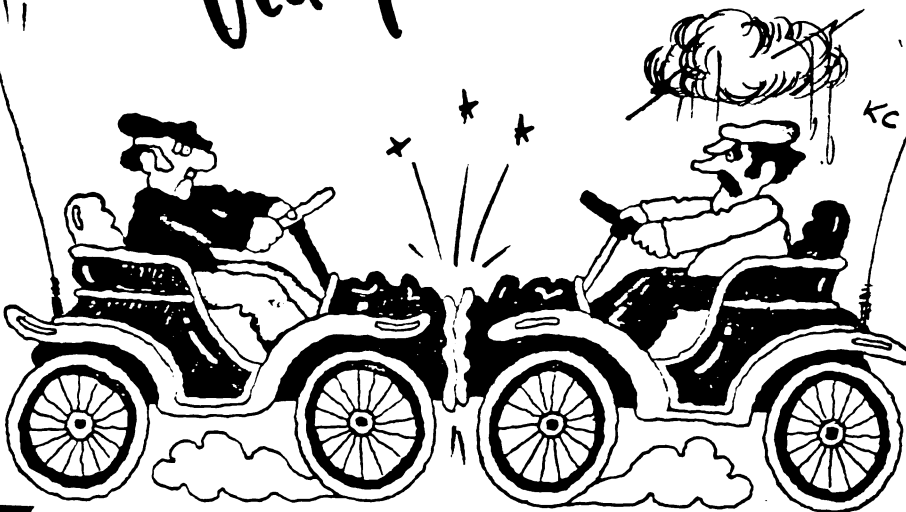
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

02-"Frenchy" Andrews-W3IRS	22-Russ Miller-K3NYN
-Peg Schmilewske (XYL K3KUD)	23-Vickie Marruchella (XYL WB3EKK)
04-Mike Migliaccio-N3ADI	-Emma Shaw (XYL W3ADV)
06-Alberta Clark (XYL KB3QE)	25-Janet Reichert (XYL KF4LM)
08-Jackie Chedeville (XYL W3GQD)	27-Bunny DiPasquale (XYL WB3KAB)
11-Wayne Ziegler-WB2SZF	-William Dormire-WA3BAL
15-Bob DiPasquale-WB3KAB	-Dr. Carl Volt-W3SGR
17-Ned Schlichting-KA3CKW	28-Bess Rowland (XYL W3JIL)
19-Harold Grace-W3HFY	29-Alice Faries (XYL W3AOA)
-Lillie Port (XYL W3HYU)	***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL***

 R. LAFAYETTE BEAMON, JR. -W3 Big Fat Mouth- YOUR LICENCE EXPIRES ON APRIL 20TH (my apologies to the rest of the amateur community, but since he is a member of Phil-Mont I have to remind him)

 HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR LICENCE OR ARRL MEMBERSHIP? IF SO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE NEW EXPIRATION DATE, BY MAIL, PHONE OR ON THE AIR. -DE WB3KOJ

Did you know.....



In 1895, there were only 2 cars in the entire state of Ohio. They collided.

In 18th century English gambling dens, there was always one employee whose only job was to swallow the dice if there was a police raid.

More than \$1,000,000 belonging to Adolph Hitler is still unclaimed in American banks.



Here's something everyone **must** know: Houdini was the first man to fly an airplane solo in Australia.

**Bet you didn't know this—
the bat is the
only mammal
that can fly!**

P H I L - M O N T ' s C a l e n d a r f o r A P R I L

- 03 NCS's - 2m-KB3IV, 10m-W3GIF, 75m-W3PWG Happy Easter!
- 04 Regular Meeting at the Franklin Institute - 2000 hrs
- 10 NCS's - 2m-WB3CMM, 10m-WB3KAC, 75m-W3AOA
- 11 DEADLINE for your reservation(s) for ANNUAL MM Dinner Meeting
- 13 DEADLINE for your BLURB articles.
- 17 NCS's - 2m-W3SRU, 10m-KB3CT, 75m-AK2I
- 20 PHIL-MONT's ANNUAL Mid-Month Dinner Meeting @ the Picket Post
Montgomery Avenue & Old Gulph Road, Gulph Mills, PA
- 24 NCS's - 2m-W3AA, 10m-W3KDO, 75m-W3RCE
Alewives migrate at Cape Cod
- 25 BLURB-folding
- 29 DEADLINE for filing comments with the FCC concerning the NPRM
on "Establishment of a Class of Amateur operator License Not
Requiring a Demonstration of Proficiency in the International
Morse Code" - PR Docket No. 83-28.
DAYTON HAMVENTION BEGINS.
Zipper patented in 1913.

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W A R N I N G

On May 11, 1981, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency implemented an "Interim Measures Program" requiring owners and users of transformers containing PCB's to undertake inspection, maintenance and record-keeping and where the transformers pose an exposure to food and feed products certain reporting requirements. These reporting requirements apply to transformers, not capacitors or electromagnets.

Human exposure to PCB's or vapors from leaking units containing PCB's is harmful. Although inspection of capacitors containing PCB's is not required, voluntary inspection or replacement is encouraged to reduce the risk of exposure to PCB's. Don't forget those dummy loads, since many of them contain transformer oil in which there are PCB's. The following should be noted when handling units containing PCB's.

"Carefully remove the unit containing PCB's so as not to cause leakage of the oil. If signs of oil leakage are present, do not handle with bare hands or breathe the vapors. Help in disposing of PCB agents may be had by contacting the regional EPA office. - Environmental Protection Agency
Curtis Building, 6th & Walnut sts.,
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Hints to aid in identifying capacitors containing PCB's.

Aerovox- Capacitors date coded before Sept 1978 and have an "F" in the 5th position of the part number.

GE- Capacitors manufactured before 1979 which have an "F" in

the position of the G.E. part number are suspect. Also those in the series 21L contain PCB oil, e.g. 21L-----.

Sprague- Lettering on the outside of the case would say "CLORINO."

Mallory- Capacitors date coded before 1978 which have black insulators. Those with tan insulators are safe.

Editor's note: - This article is not provided to cause any undue alarm but to encourage CAUTION when handling and using units containing PCB's.

This important information came from the Red Rose Repeater Ass'n's "Timed-Out-Times."

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PHILMONT'S Annual MID-MONTH dinner meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY APRIL 20th at the PICKET POST - Montgomery Ave. & Old Gulph Rd., Gulph Mills, Pa.

A Cash Bar will be available at 6 PM.

A Full Course Dinner including Soup, Salad Bar, Vegetables-family style, Desert and Beverage will be served beginning at 6:30 PM. The meeting will follow at 8 PM.

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO ATTEND!
(Jinny will PERSONALLY WELCOME the LADIES!)

Please indicate your selections below and mail to Jinny (W3IIN).
DEADLINE for Reservations and Payment is APRIL 11th!
Each selection is \$11.75 complete.

ME MY SPOUSE

☐ ☐ TENDERLOIN BORDELAISE: Sauteed slices of tender filet served on a steaming bed of rice and burnished with its own juices.

☐ ☐ CHICKEN KIEV: Plump boneless chicken breast, lightly breaded and deep fried, is then baked to a golden goodness. Served on a bed of rice.

☐ ☐ VEAL PARMIGIANA with SPAGHETTI: Center leg cut of tender young veal is topped with mellow mozzarella cheese and tangy tomato sauce.

☐ ☐ BROILED FRESH FLOUNDER: Delicious flounder, fresh from shore waters, is broiled with butter and seasonings to perfection. Served with lemon butter sauce.

NAME: _____ CALL: _____ AMT. ENCLOSED _____

Send selections and remittance to:- JINNY HARING, 2113 EDGEHILL DR., FURLONG, PA. 18925.

FCC, ARRL PROTEST OBSCENITY RULING

"An irreparable impact on Amateur Radio" -- such is the bleak future painted by the Private Radio Bureau if an FCC Review Board decision essentially permitting indecent language is allowed to stand. The decision, which allowed David Hildebrand, N6BHU, to keep his Amateur Radio station and operator licenses although he admittedly transmitted foul language, is under fire from the PRB and the ARRL. "At question," the PRB said, "is whether the Commission is powerless to prohibit indecency in the Amateur Radio Service."

The PRB is appealing the Review Board's decision, claiming that the Board misapplied the law. According to the Review Board, FCC v. Pacifica, a U.S. Supreme Court decision which holds that the transmission of certain obscene words violates federal law, does not apply to Amateur Radio. The Review Board held that different standards apply to Amateur Radio because it involves "private" and not "broadcast" transmissions. The PRB argued that not applying Pacifica standards to amateur transmissions was an inappropri-

ately narrow view." Furthermore, the Bureau asserted that Section 97.119 of the Rules (prohibiting obscene, indecent or profane words, language or meaning) exists independently of the Pacifica decision, and the Board had in effect overturned Section 97.119. In doing so, it acted beyond its authority. Because of the significance of this case, the PRB requested that the Commission hear oral arguments.

The League asked for leave to intervene in this matter, saying that the Review Board decision set an "unlawful and intolerable precedent." The ARRL argued that the issue goes beyond Hildebrand's First Amendment rights to free speech; Amateurs in the area have a right not to be subjected to disgusting talk. Also at stake is the reputation of the amateur community as a whole, and its stated public service objectives. If the Commission grants the ARRL's motion for leave to intervene, the League will present further supporting arguments for the amateurs' cause.

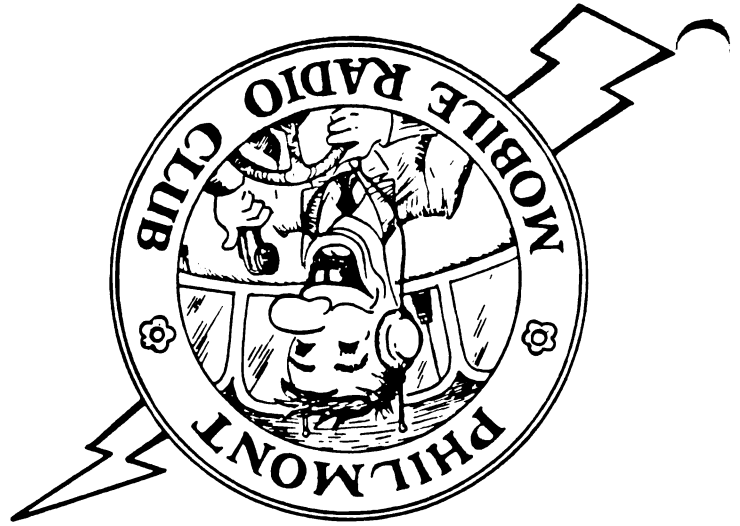
"What's this I hear about FCC giving back a license to an amateur who used foul language on the air?" Senator Goldwater asked FCC Chairman Fowler at a March 2 Subcommittee on Communications hearing. Fowler answered that it was a Review Board decision and that the Review Board was independent of the FCC. Its decisions, however, are subject to review, Fowler noted. After consultation among staff members, he announced that the Private Radio Bureau had asked the Commission to review the Hildebrand case (page 1 of last issue) and that the FCC would indeed review the case.

Goldwater also pressed Fowler as to what the FCC had done with the authority over RFI granted it by Public Law 97-259. Fowler said the very fact that it had

passed has focused the attention of industry on RFI and made them more sensitive. FCC is encouraging formulation and implementation of voluntary standards. FCC is surveying consumers, checking TV sets in its labs and working with industry. He went on to note that if voluntary standards failed, FCC was prepared to use the authority granted in PL 97-259.

Although a couple of other Senators were present for some of the meeting, Senator Goldwater dominated the questioning. His questions demonstrated wide ranging interests in all facets of communications. During this discussion, Chairman Fowler mentioned he had listened to amateurs on his hf receiver and they sounded like Donald Duck. "You'll get used to it," K7UGA replied.

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